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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:

TAKASHI IMOTO

Application No.: 10/522,625

Filed: January 31, 2005

For: NOTIFYING METHOD,
INFORMATION PROCESSING
APPARATUS, AND
CONTROL PROGRAM

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to U.S. Published Appln. No. 2004/0105117, which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of this document is not enclosed, pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55 (August 5, 2003).

The above-identified publication has a common inventor with, and is commonly assigned with, the subject application.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing and returning a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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